

Application No.: 10/675,136
Amendment dated August 19, 2008
Response to Office action dated June 13, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings:

Figure 2 has been amended to correct certain informalities. No new matter has been added.

Attached: Replacement Drawings
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the office action dated June 13, 2008, and completion of the personal interview of August 5, 2008. The Examiner's observations and suggestions are much appreciated and summarized herein. The Examiner's acceptance of the drawings filed on March 12, 2008, and withdrawal of the rejections of the prior Office Action is noted with appreciation. Claims 1, 3-10, and 12-18 are currently pending.

Figure 2 of the drawings has been amended at decision blocks 206 and 214 to include a "yes" and "no" to clearly illustrate a positive or negative determination.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 12, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,073,147 to Chan et al. (*hereinafter*, "Chan"). In view of the amendments and arguments set forth below, it is submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct over the art of record. Claims 1, 3-10, and 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,010,587 to Shiimori (*hereinafter*, "Shiimori"). In view of the amendments and arguments set forth below, it is submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct over the art of record.

The subject application is directed to a system and method for networked font rendering associated with a web server. A web page image is generated, via a web server, on a browser running on a networked workstation wherein the web page image includes data corresponding to document finishing options for at least one associated electronic document including at least one of pagination options and page numbering options, and font selection options corresponding to at least one selectable font for use in connection with a selected document finishing option. Selection data is received via the web page, which selection data includes at least one selected finishing option and at least one font selection corresponding thereto and the availability of bitmapped font image data is tested corresponding the at least one font selection. Vector data representative of a vector based font corresponding to each font selection for which no availability of bitmapped font image data is indicated by the testing is acquired, and a portion of the vector based font is rendered to generate bitmapped font images corresponding to characters required for rendering the selected finishing option, which are then stored in a networked memory. The font images are selectively communicated from the memory as well as the electronic document to the at least one networked print to generate document print data in

accordance with a request from the at least one networked workstation so as to generate a printout, including a rendering from the font images.

As discussed during the interview, Chan is directed to a system that distributes font information in both bitmap form and outline form. Distribution is accomplished via a font server. Complete fonts are communicated to devices for use in rendering. Conversely, the subject application teaches a system and method by which adjuncts to documents, such as tabs, may be selected and font information supplied. Only those characters required for a particularly tab printing in one embodiment are rendered and stored for future use. In situations, such as tab printing, only limited characters are frequently required, such as numeric information, or limited characters. Also, the tab font need not be that associated with a remainder of the electronic document. The deficiencies of Chan are not overcome by the teachings of Shiimori.

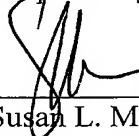
Amendment to each of independent claims 1 and 10 has been made to make more clearly the patentable distinctions over the art of record. As amended, all claims now include limitations wherein font information is selected for finishing operations, such as tabs. Characters required for a requested operation are generated and stored to the extent they are needed for a particular operation. Thus, all claims now include limitations far removed from the teachings of Chan.

In accordance with the afore-noted amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/31246.

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Respectfully submitted,



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